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1. 庭明の名称

パンツ里使い換ておむつ

- 2、特許請求の題贈
  - 1. 被体透過性の表面シートと液体不透過性の製面 シートの間に吸収体および脱れっサーを形成する 伸駆弾性体が配置されたパンツ型使い捨ておむつ において、前記表面シート、脳面シート、吸収体 からなるおむつ本体の順方向両端部に、硬水体 シートに伸縮弾性体を摂取したウェストバンドを 個えたことを特徴とするパンツ型使い物でおむつ。
  - 2. 疎水性シートからなるウエストパンドが伸縮性 不概布である原求項1記収のパンツ型使い捨てお むつ.
  - 3. 疎水性シートからなるクエストパンドが、伸縮 性不履布を伸張状態にして他の不離布、透温性 フィルムと貼合したものである請求項1記収のパ ンツ型便い捨ておむつ。
  - 4. 疎水性シートからなるウエストバンドの番周囲 方向に張設された伸靭弾性体が、複数本で自つ前

紀複数本の伸縮弾性体のうちの設置配倒器りに位 買する少なくとも1 本が、股ギャザーを形成する 伊薩弾性体と丁才状又は十字状を形成するように 近接あるいは交叉して設けられている語求項1. 2 乂は3 足杖のパンツ型使い捨ておむつ。

- 5、吸収体の最方向資源部近例で接する裏面シート 上に、仲相弾性体を設けた請求項1配収のパンツ 単使い捨ておむつ。
- 6. 裏面シートの横方向肖伽フラップ部に、顔水性 不緩布が退設されている語求項1記載のパンツゼ 使い捨ておむつ。
- 7. 製面シートの検方向両側フラップ部に、前記数 節シートとは別体の戦長の斑水性シートを運設し、 フラップ雑郎側は裏面シートに固着され、一方、 吸収体質は装面シートの上に延出されて、その一 部に仰船弾性体が取付けられ、且つ前配収扱の確 水性シートの吸収体側に延出された部分の少なく とも股間郡領域は長面シートの上面と魍魎される ように、蜈長の斑水性シートと表面シートが縦方 向股関係を挟む両関部分で因着されている諸状項

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1 記載のパンツ型使い旅でおむつ。

### 3. 発明の詳細な説明

### [產業上の利用分野]

本発射は伊閣性と遊気性を有し、見つ体制に フィットして、はき心地の良いパンツ型使い捨て おむつに関する。

#### [従来の技術]

世来パンツ型に形成された使い捨ておむつは知られている。

パンツ 記使い 含ておむつは、 普通の使い 捨ておむつから洗って 破返し 使用できるパンツへの移行 即四中に使用されるほか、 大人の失双用、 病人用などにも使用される。

対えば、特別的 53-19246 号公留には、使い 捨ての下ばきを形成するのに造した 伊窓性のあるい が関の一体 機断 品の 機断 方法 が 提案 されて いまた、特別的 57-77304 号公 紀には クエスト の 部 に の が 付 設 され、 ウエスト 西 側 部 か ら 同 口 画 へ ほ び る 結合 部 は 重 ね る こ と な く 切 組 されて な る 便 い 伏 て の お し め ブリーフ 及 び ロール 状 の 裏 面 シー

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本発明者等は前足問題点について鋭意検討の結果、促来おむつ本体の超方向両端型に伸縮弾性体の対象シートに伸縮弾性体を設け、これをおむつ本体の最方向両端型に選及してウエストバンドとすることにより、上記問題点の解消になるとの知

ツ切に延伸状態で連続した弾性部材を接着する工程、吸急性の当て不を付設する工程、 表面シートをその上に取ねる工程と関口部を形成して反手軸 線に沿って折り重ねて、 個別のブリーフに溶着、 切断するブリーフの製造方法が興示されている。

# [ 発明が解決しようとする盛題 ]

しかしながら、従来のパンツ型をい捨ておむつ は、普通の使い捨ておむつのように、前板の領騒 部を閉鎖するための止着テーブが行政されてあっ

見を切て本発明を完成するに至った。

# 【課題を解決するための手段】

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本見明は前記読水性シートからなるウエストバンドが伸縮性不順布である前記パンツ型便い 挤ておむつである。

本発明は前足硬水性シートからなるウエストパンドが、伸駆性不羈布を伸張状態にして他の不確 布、透過性フィルムと貼合したものである前記パ シツ型使い治ておむつである。

本元 明は前記録水性シートからなるツェストバンドの暦周囲方向に伸張状態で接着された伸編弾性体が、複数本で月つ前記複数本の神路弾性体の

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うちの股間が明合りに包載する少なくとも1本が、 設ギャザーを形成する仲間弾性はと下字状又は十 字状を形成するように近接めるいは交又して設け られている例記パンツ型便い捨ておむつである。

水発明は可認吸収体の最方面海路部近例で接する電面シート上に、仲超延性体を設けた可能パンツ型性い格でおむつである。

本発明は前記表面シートの機方向面側部フラップ部に、確水性不概布が建設されている前記パンツ型便い約でおむつである。

るように近接めるいは交叉して設けられる点に特 世がある。

このほか本発明のパンツ党使い捨ておむつにおいては、段ギャザーによる大闘節の評付け補助として、クエストパンドの仲閣弾性体の数を扱うし、その代わりに吸収体の概方向対解型近傍の関西シートと後する部分に、関西シート上に伸縮弾性なを設けることができる。

以下本発明の構成について説明する。

本発明でいうパンツ型使い捨ておむつとは、使い捨ておむつから普通のパンツに移行するまでの 切児用及びおとな用の失禁防止、 肉人などに用い ちれるパンツが使い捨ておむつを聴称する。

このようなウエストパンドは、前記例示の先行 技術を含めて従来見られないものである。

また、本発明のパンツ型便い捨ておむつは、ウエストバンドの複数の仲類型性体のうちの股間部 関語りに位置する少なくとも1本が設ギャザーを 形成する仲紹弾性体とて学状又は十字状を形成す

また、表面シートの関係フラップ部に収扱の類水性不関布を選訟させることができる。

#### [英雄劈]

以下太発明の安施冊を示す。

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第1日の完成されたパンツ型使い格でおむつの 展開平面図が第2図で、表面シート1の下方を切 欠いて内部が見えるようにしている。

おむつ本体の名面には、2 ののでは、2 ののでは、2 ののでは、2 ののでは、3 ののでは、4 のの

このようにすることにより、器周朗はウェスト

水性不履布或いはウレタン繊維などからなる伊森性不穏布又は神路性不穏布を伸張状態で一般の不動布と貼合した疎水性シートを用いることができる。また、疎水性不緩布の間にウレタン不遜布などの伸縮性不緩布を伸張状態で貼着してもよい。

クエストバンドは第3回のように二つ折(第5回に概念回を示す)にしてもよいし、第6回のように確水性シート2枚を伸縮弾性体5.6を挟んで重ね合せてもよい。

第4回は第2回のB - B 腹部分拡大断面図を示し、体に伸縮弾性体4、4の位置を示したものである。

伊閣弾性体は図では、糸状ゴムを用いているが、

パンドWの伸絡弾性体も、5により充分にフィットし、雇用間と大腿部別部ギャザー兼用の伸縮弾性体も、6は設ギャザー用や箱弾性体4、4でカバーし切れない部分をフィットさせる効果がある。

本発明は神路弾性体 5、5 と 6、6 及び 4、 4の相乗効果により無周刑から大闘型、股団型にかけて身体に無理なくフィットし、着る時は定を通し弱く、若用中のズレ格ちを防止し、股で成も姿にできる特反がある。

また、ウエストバンドは風水性不関布などの強水性で通気性の深材を用いるため、おむつ内がムレない上、上配伸縮強性はが伸張状態で設けられているため、伸縮性にすぐれ、体型の大小を問わすよくフィットすると共にその伸縮性からはかせ

更に関水性の表面シート1とウェストパンドWの酸水性シートを貼合した部分は、要面シートから流れる排泄物のなみによる量れを防止する効果がある。

ウエストバンドは熱可塑性合成繊維からなる森

決然ゴム、合成ゴム、ウレタンゴム等の糸状、 平 型の毎陥弾性体を、形状を関わず用いることがで、 きる。

第1回、第2回に示したパンツ型便い捨てお C つの製造方法の一例を第7回により説明する。

ロール状の液体不透過性の異面シート 2 を引出して、連続的に吸体 3 及び伸縮強性体 4 ・ 4 を 税 型 し、次 いで液体透過性の表面シート 1 を を を で した 後、上下から伸ぬ 弾性体 5 ・ 6 が 接 替 さ れ た し 水性 シート 8 ・ 8 を それぞれこつ 折りし 、 ウェストバンド W とする。

このおと第8A図に示すように、 田園部の 質別の 即を入れる部分をダイカッターで 遺験的に は 別別 ない かい ない ない ない ない ない ない ない ない かい の 間を 映く で は は いい かい の 間を いっと いっと がい の に ない かい の に ない かい かい は と がい かい し ない でい 、 所 望の 形 状 に ダイカット して 行けばよい。

ダイカットと同時に、二つ折りしてヒートシー

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ル、両面接着テープ又は底管別等により接着した 信者即7の切断は9より切断して第8日別に示す 本発明のパンツ型使い治でおむつの完成品が終ら れる。

第7回〜第8A回、第8B回に示した本発明の パンツ型使い捨ておむつの製造ラインは、通常の おむつの成方向に恐れるラインと異なり、概方向 に恐れるため次のようなメリットがある。

第16回は本発明のパンツ型便い格でおむつの別の実施例を示すー部切欠を平面図で、表面シート.
1 の概万向両側に疎水性不概 114を貼射、連盟以体フラップ高端部は展面シート 2 に接着し、吸収体別は少なくとも設問図誤収が表面シート 1 のよ面と瞬間図分で確水性不履布 14と表面シート 1 とを接着したものである。

第17回は第16回のB~Bpm分瓜大断面図で、

迎位置の吸収性軽視層 11を厚く中高にして、内部 に高吸収性粒状物を配置した例を示す。

本充明で用いられる高級水性粒状物は、通常知られる高吸水性ポリマー取子単独成いはこれに活性反、カルボキシメチルセルロース、ゼオライトなどを设合した粒状物を用いる。

本発明の他の実施例を第12図、第13図に示す。 第12回は砂時計型の吸収体3を用い、その戦方向 両端部近例で接する要面シート2の上面に伸縮弾 性体13、13を設けた本発明の別の実施例を示すー 即欠き平面図で、第13図は第12図のA-A離型 分拡大右側断面図である。

このようにクエストバンドの腰周囲と大闘を周囲 常用の神経弾性体の代りに、吸収体3の超方向 当場が近くの裏面シート2上に神経弾性体13、13を以けることにより、般ギャザー用の神経弾性体4・4と共に最周囲の下側を分と大闘を周囲にていていたし、触れ防止、おむつのズレ馬ち防止などに効果がある。

第14回は、おむつ本体の装面シート1の観方向

政水性不緩布14の両端部は裏面シート2に接着され、吸収体質に延出された部分は伸延状態の一下2 が変形がある。 15を着き込み、 表面シート1 から間間されて、ギャザー立上り部16を形成でしている。第18回は第16回のCーC 静部分拡充のでは、ギャザー立上り部16は優方向の股間のでは、ギャザー立上り部17により表面シート1 に接着されている。

第17図に示すように少なくとも設置部のははマヤー立上の配16を設立したとにより、ギャーコンとの数では、ないのでは、ないのでは、では、ないのではないでは、ないのでは、ないでは、ないでは、ないでは、ないではないではないでは、ないではないではないでは、ないではないではないでは、ないではないではないではないではないではないでは

また、銀水性の表面シート1の機方向面側に前記ギャザー立上り部16を含む顔水性不顧布14が接

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制、連設されているので、表面シート 1 からので、表面シート 1 からので、表面シート 1 からので、数面の反り、成いは数様である反り、成いは数単の反うのでは、数単のでは現水性不順布を別では現水性不順布を別が、ないなるのでは、数単によりであるとのであるとのであるとのであるとのであるとのであるとのである。

#### [ 預明の効果]

本発明は下記のような効果が得られる。

(イ) おむつ本体の展方向両編部に、別体の近気性 素材からなるウエストバンドを備えているため、 者用時通気性がよく、ムレがない。

」に伸縮弾性体を設けることにより配ギャザー 用の仰縮弾性体と共に避の下の部分と大腿部周 囲にフィットし、脳れ防止、おむつのズレ密ち 防止などの効果がある。

- (水)表面シートの個方向両側フラップ部に頭水性シートを接着、連設することにより、製水性の表面シートと頭水性シートの接点で表面シートからの排泄物のにじみによる調れを防止することができる。

(ロ)関水性の表面シートの収方向過端即に健水性シートからなるクエストバンドを貼着、連取した部分で表面シートからの排泄物のにじみによる動れを防止する効果がある。

また、 おむつをは方向に走行させて製造できるため、 吸収体の設岡邸を中海にして吸収能力を切加させることも可能である。

(ニ) ウエストパンドの下部の仲紀列性体の代りに、 吸収体の収方向両指型近くで接する裏面シート

> トに収納されるため、挤泄物が直接肌に接触せ ず、不快感がないという効果が繰られる。

> また、関水性の表面シートの観方向内図に疎水性シートが接着、進起されているので、表面シートから吸収はに吸収した複状排泄物の戻り或いは表面シートから溢れた排泄物の調れを防止する効果を有する。

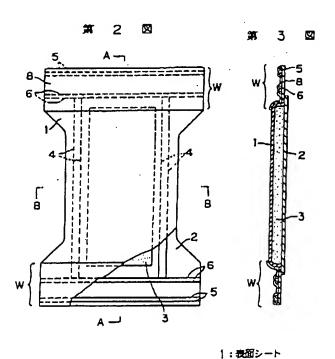
本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつは、上記のように伸縮性と通気性を有し、且つ体型にフィットして、はき心地が良く、特別もし思い、すぐれた性能を有するパンツ型便い捨ておむつである。

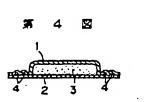
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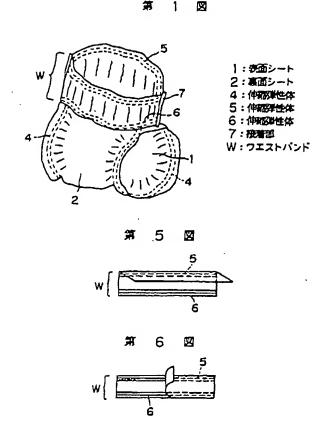
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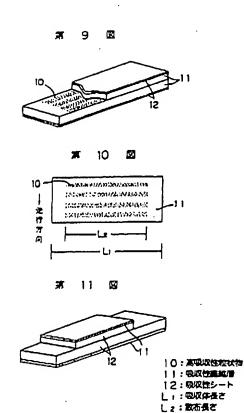
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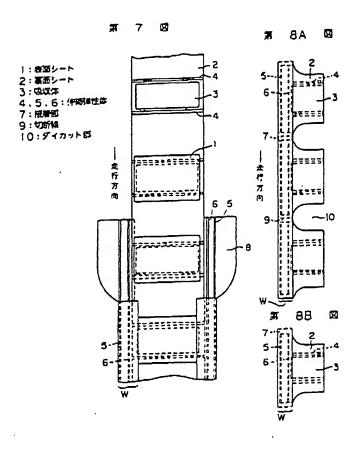


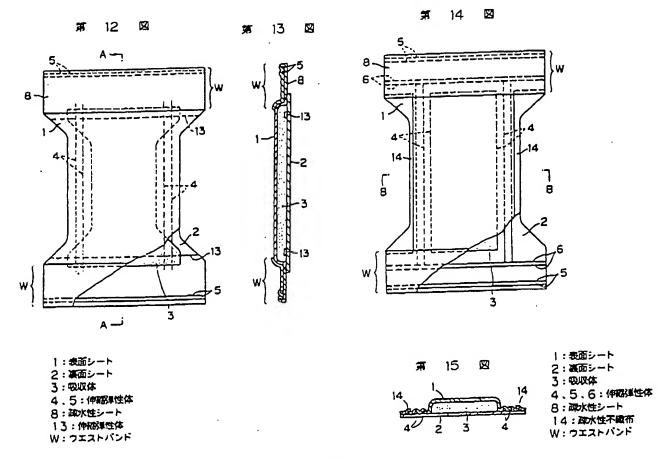
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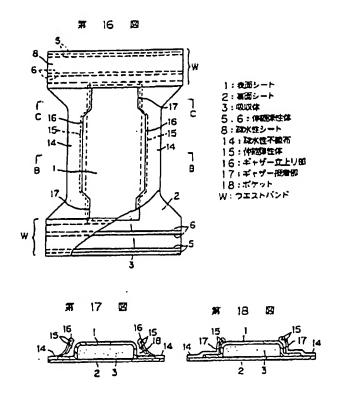


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#### Japanese Patent Kokai No. 205053/91

#### SPECIFICATION



Title of the invention:

A panty type throw-away diaper

#### Z. Claime:

- 1. A panty type throw-away diaper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet, back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.
- 2. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is an expandable non-woven fabric.
- 3. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is formed by an expandable non-woven fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable film affixed to said expandable non-woven fabric under its expanded condition.

- 4. A diaper as claimed in any one of Claims 1-3 wherein a plurality of said expandable elastic bodies are attached under tension in the peripheral direction of the waist, and among these expandable elastic bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across said expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.
- 5. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein expandable elastic bodies are provided on said back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its opposite longitudinal end portions contact.
- 6. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein hydrophobic non-woven fabrics are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- 7. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein separate longitudinally alongate hydrophobic sheets are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom, the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps are fixed to said back sheet whereas the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to said absorbing body are extended over the front sheet, an expandable elastic body is attached to portion of said

extended portion, and said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheats and said front sheet are joined together in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said portions of said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets as extended toward the absorbing body are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in said crotch portion.

## Detailed explanation of the invention:

#### (Field of art)

The present invention relates to a panty type throw-away diaper having an expandability and an air permeability and is comfortable to wear with good fitting to the figure.

#### (Prior art)

The panty type throw-away dispers have been previously known.

The panty type throw-away diapers are used in the transition period from the use of usual throw-away diapers to the use of repeatedly washable and wearable underpants and also for sick persons or the incontinence of adults.

In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 19246/78, there is proposed a method of cutting one piece non-woven expandable fabric suitable for forming throw-away underpants. In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 77304/82, there is disclosed a method of producing a throw-away diaper brief having an elastic member in the waist portion and of which connecting

portions extending from the opposite side portions of the waist portion to the opening portions being closed without being overlapped. There is disclosed therein also a method of producing such brief comprising a step of adhering expanded continuous elastic member to a back sheet, a step of afflixing a pad, a step of placing thereon a front sheet and a step of forming openings, folding along a longitudinal axis, fusing and cutting into individual briefs.

there is proposed a throw-away panty comprising expandable means around the waist opening and the leg openings and an outer cover formed by an inner layer of liquid impermeable plastic material and an outer layer of non-woven fiber material. Still further, in Japanese Patent Kokai No. 21802/87, there is disclosed a throw-away absorptive panty in which the panty body is folded back about the crotch portion and the opposite side edges are joined together, the crotch portion of an absorptive core is formed narrower and expandable members of a waist band and of a pair of leg holes are adhered under expanded condition.

(The problems to be solved by the invention)

The conventional panty type throw-away diapers have drawbacks that the air permeability is low and inside the ponty is stuffy which together with the excrements presente uncomfortableness to wearers when securing tapes are provided to close the front and back side edges or when the side edges are joined together by means of an adhesive.

furthermore, though the expandable members are provided in the waist band, femur portion and crotch portion for the better fitting to the figure, there has been proposed no panty type throw-away diaper prevented from leakage of the excrements and having good fitness to the body as well as easiness of putting-on/off.

The present invention was made in order to sliminate the above described problems of the prior arts and it is an object of the present invention to provide at low cost a panty type throw-away diaper eliminating the need for securing tapes, having an improved air permeability, enough expandability providing good fitness to the figure and good wearing comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

The inventors of this application devoted deep study on said problems of the prior arts and eventually completed the present invention upon finding that said problems are overcome by forming the waist band by attaching an expandable elastic body to a separate sheet of a different material and providing such sheets at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body contrary to the conventional diaper in which the waist band was formed by providing expandable clastic bodies at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body.

(Measure to solve the problem)

According to the present invention there is provided a panty type throw-away disper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and

an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet, back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.

The present invention provides a panty type thowaway diaper in which said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is an expandable non-woven fabric.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which said waist band comprising said hydrophobic abset is formed by an expandable non-woven fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable film affixed to said expandable non-woven fabric under its expanded condition.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which a plurality of said expandable elastic
bodies are attached under tension in the peripheral
direction of the waist and among these expandable elastic
bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch
portion is arranged in close proximity to or acrose said
expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to
form T-shapad configuration or a cross with the latter
expandable elastic body.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which expandable slastic bodies are provided accommodating the incontinences of infants and adults or for sick persons.

In the present invention, the term 'waist bands' refers to air permeable hydrophobic sheets separate from the diaper body consisting of a three-layered laminate comprising a front sheet, an absorbing body and a back sheet and attached to the longitudinal opposite ends (opposite ends in the direction passing through the abdominal portion, crotch portion and waist portion) of said diaper body (refer to the member W in Fig. 1), contrary to the waist band which is formed by attaching under tension expandable elastic bodies to the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body as was conventionally usual.

Such waist bond has not been proposed by any prior art including those quoted above.

The panty type throw-away diaper is characterized by that among a plurality of expandable elastic bodies of the waist band at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across soid expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.

In the conventional panty type throw-away diapers, the crotch gathers are mostly formed, as seen in the above quoted prior arts, by providing expandable elastic b dies around the openings through which legs are passed or inserted and these expandable elastic bodies are arranged

in parallel with the expandable clastic body of the waist band portion. Furthermore, there has been also proposed a diaper in which the expandable elastic bodies are provided at the opposite sides of the crotch portion. Though such expandable elastic bodies are erranged at right angles to the expandable elastic body of the waist band, they are short and their opposite ands are considerably spaced apart from the expandable elastic body of the waist band so that the construction of such conventional diaper is different from that of the present invention in that both of the expandable elastic bodies are largely spaced apart in the former. Conventionally, there has been also proposed a panty type throw-away diaper in which a curved expandable elastic body is provided from the femur portion to the abdominal portion.

In the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present inventor, as an auxiliary means for tightening the femur portion, it is possible to decrease the number of the expandable elastic bodies of the waist portions and to provide, instead thereof, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact.

Furthermore it is possible to provide longitudinally elongate hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom.

Still further, it is possible to provide separate

longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in sides of said continuation therefrom, to fix the hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps to said back sheet and to extend the remaining portions over the front sheet toward the absorbing body together said longitudinally elongate sides, and to join hydrophobic sheets and taid front sheet in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in the crotch portion. The hydrophobic sheet may be joined to the front sheet in other portions than the longitudinal crotch portion or in parts in the opposite portions between which the longitudinal crotch portion is positioned.

#### (Embodiments)

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described.

panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention. Waist bands <u>w</u> which are separate or independent from a diaper body consisting of a front sheet 1 which contacts with human body. a built-in absorbing body 3 and a back sheet 2 and constituting a characteristic feature of the present invention are secured to the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body. An expandable clastic body 5 for waist gather is provided along the upper waist

portion of the waist band  $\underline{W}$  and another expandable elastic body 6 for gather for the waist and femur portions is provided in the lower portion. The opposite sides of the waist bands  $\underline{W}$  are formed as joining portions 7 to form a panty or drawer. Inside the lateral opposite end portions of the front and back sheets 1 and 2 contacting with the periphery of the femur region, there are provided expandable elastic bodies 4 for gather.

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of the completed panty type throw-away disper of Fig. 1 having its lower portion being broken away to show the inside.

The expandable elastic bodies 4, 4 for forming crotch gathers are adhered in the expanded condition between the front and back sheets 1 and 2. Contrary to the conventional panty type throw-away diapers, the opposite ends of the elastic bodies 4. 4 are extended to and form T-configuration with the expandable elastic bodies 6, 6 of the waist bands W. W closer to the absorbing body 3 which form gathers around the waist and femur regions. The elastic bodies 4, 4 may be arranged in close proximity to the inside one of the elastic bodies 6, 6 or may extend across it in the cross configuration.

with this arrangement, the waist portion fits well by the expandable elastic bodies 5, 5 of the waist bands  $\underline{W}$  and the expandable lastic bodies 6, 6 for the gather around the waist and femur regions are effective to impart fitness to the portions which are not given fitness by the crotch gather elastic body 4, 4.

With the combined effects of the elastic bodies 5.5. 6.6 and 4.4, there are brought about advantages that the diaper of the present invention naturally fits to the human body in the region extending from the waist region to femur and crotch regions, that the legs can be easily passed through the diaper when it is worn, that the slipping down of the diaper during it is worn is prevented and that the diaper can be easily taken off when it is removed.

Furthermore, inside of the diaper does not become stuffy because hydrophobic and air permeable material such as a hydrophobic non-woven fabric is used for the waist band, the expandability is superior because the expandable elastic bodies are attached under expanded condition, the fitness is superior regardless of the sized of the human bodies and the diaper can be worn easily because of its expandability.

rurthermore, the joining portions between the hydrophilic front sheet I and the hydrophobic sheet of the waist portions are effective to prevent leakage of the excrements flowing from the front sheet by permeation.

For the vaist band, a use can be made of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric of thermoplastic synthetic fibers, an expandable non-woven fabric of urethans fibers or the like or a hydrophobic sheet formed by affixing an expandable non-woven fabric under tensioned or expanded condition to a usual non-woven fabric. Otherwise, an expandable non-woven fabric auch as an urethane non-woven

fabric may be affixed under expanded condition between hydrophobic non-woven fabrics.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the panty type throw-away diaper along the line A-A of Fig. 2. As seen in Fig. 3, each waist band w is formed by folding double a hydrophobic sheet 8 which is separate from the front and back sheets 1 and 2 and adhering the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 inside the folded sheet 8. The lower and and upper and of the hydrophobic sheet 8 is adhered to the back sheet 2 and the front sheet 1, respectively.

The waist band may be folded double as shown in Fig. 3 (i.e. as schematically shown in Fig. 5) or two hydrophobic sheets may be overlapped each other with the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 being interposed therebetween.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the diaper along the line B-B of Fig. 2, showing the positions of the elastic bodies 4, 4.

In the illustrated embodiment, though a rubber thread is used as the expandable elastic body, a use can be made of also a thread-shaped or flat expandable elastic body of natural rubber, synthatic rubber or urethane rubber without being limited to a particular shape.

A method of producing the panty type throw-away diaper shown in Figs. 1 and 2 will now be described with referring to Fig. 7

A liquid impermable back sheet 2 wound in a roll is pulled-out and the absorbing bodies 3 and the expandable

elastic bodies 4. 4 are sequentially adhered on the pulled-out back sheet 2 and then after having adhered the liquid permeable front sheets 1, the hydrophobic sheets 8, 8 on which the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 have been adhered are folded double and adhered on the front sheet 1 and back sheet 2 from the upper and lower sides to form the waist bands  $\underline{W}$ .

Thereafter, the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion where the legs are inserted or passed through are sequentially cut eway by die cutters as shown in Fig. 8A. However, when the front and back sides are symmetrical, the continuous body shown in Fig. 7 may be folded double about the longitudinal center line and cut by a die cutter. When the front side is narrower, the continuous body is to be cut in a desired shape without folding double.

Completed diapers shown in Fig. 8B are obtained by cutting along cutting lines the joining portions 7 formed by folding double and adhering by means of heat seals, adhesive double coated types or adhesives simultaneously with the die cutting.

The line for producing the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention as shown in Figs. 7, 8A and 88 brings about the following advantages because it runs laterally contrary to the conventional longitudinal run.

In order to enhance absorptivity, it was conventional to place a layer of highly water absorptive

polymer particles 10 inside the absorbing body as shown in In the longitudinal producing line of diapers, however, the highly water absorptive polymer particles were continuously dispersed in the longitudinal direction so that it was difficult to disperse concentratedly to the central portions in the crotch corresponding to the excremental position. In the present ic possible invention, however. it concentratedly to the central portion because the diapers are mvoed laterally. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 10, the length L<sub>2</sub> through which the disperse is carried out (in the direction passing through the abdominal portion and the waist portion) may be any length and may be in any position relative to the length  $L_1$  of the absorbing body. Fig. 11 shows an embodiment in which the absorptive fiber layer ll is made higher in the excremental position and the highly water absorptive particles are placed therein.

The highly water absorptive particles used in the present invention may be highly water absorptive polymer particles alone or other particle aggregation comprising a mixture of the highly water absorptive polymer particles and activated carbon, carboxymethylcellulose or zeolite.

shown in Figs. 12 and 13. In the embodiment of Fig. 12 which shows the embodiment in a plan view with a part being broken away, a used is made of a sandglass-shaped absorbing body 3 and expandable elastic bodies 13, 13 are provided on the upper surface of the back sheet 2 at the places where

the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact. Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 12.

By arranging the expandable clastic bodies 13, 13 on the back sheet 2 hear the longitudinal opposite end portions of the absorbing body 3 instead of the expandable clastic bodies of the waist bands for the waist and femur portions, there are brought about advantages that good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and around the femur region, leakage is prevented and slipping down of the diaper is prevented.

Fig. 14 is a partially broken away developed plan view of an embodiment in which hydrophobic sheets 14 are affixed on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the front sheet 1 of the diaper body in continuation therefrom and Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view teken along the line B-B of Fig. 14. By providing by adhesion the hydrophobic sheets 14 on the lateral flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom, leakage of the excrements by the permeation is prevented by the joining portion between the hydrophilic front sheet 1 and the hydrophobic sheets 14. contributing to prevention of leakage of the excrements. For such hydrophobic sheet, a use can be made of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric used in the waist bands or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic nonwoven fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away plan view of a

still further embodiment of the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention in which hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are affixed to the lateral opposite side portions of the front sheet 1 continuously therefrom and the opposite end portions of the fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions of the fabrics 14 closer to the absorbing body are adhered to the front sheet 1 in the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion so that the fabrics 14 are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet 1 at least in the crotch portion.

slong the line 8-8 of Fig. 16. The opposite end portions of the hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions extended over the absorbing body wrap in the expandable elastic bodies 15. 15 arranged under expanded condition and are separated from the front sheet 1 to form gathered arising or standing portions 16.

16. Pig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line C-C of Fig. 16. As shown therein the gathered standing portions 16 are adhered to the front sheet 1 by means of gather adhering portions 17 at the in the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion.

By forming gathered standing portion 16 at least in the crotch portion, this portion functions as a barrier for the excrements flowing from the front sheet 1 and the excrements are accommodated in a pocket 18 formed by the front sheet 1 and the gathered standing portion 16. Thus,

this embodiment brings about advantages that it provides good fitness to the human body by means of the vaist bands <u>W</u> and the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 and that the direct contact of the excrements with the human body is prevented by means of the gathered standing portions 16 formed in the crotch portion, avoiding uncomfortable feeling.

Furthersmore, there are brought about advantages that returning of the liquid excrements absorbed in the absorbing body 3 through the front sheet 1 and leakage of the excrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented. Though the hydrophobic non-vovan fabric is used in this embodiment, a use can be made of also a volatile-treated hydrophobic non-voven fabric or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic non-vovan fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

(Advantages brought about by the invention)

According to the present invention, the following advantages are brought about.

(a) Air permeability is good and stuffiness is less because separate waist bands formed by air permeable material are provided at the longitudinal opposite end portions of a disper body.

Furthermore, since a plurality of expandable elastic bodies are provided in the upper and lower portions of the waist bands under the expanded condition, the diaper well fits around the waist and since the lower expandable elastic body functions simultaneously also for the femur

region so that by the effect combined with the expandable elastic body around the femur region, each opening becomes expandable, providing good fitness to the human body, easiness of insertion of the legs, prevention of slipping down of the disper during when it is worn and easiness of putting-off.

- (b) The leskage of the excrements due to permeation from the front sheet is prevented by the portions where the waist bands formed by hydrophobic sheet are connected to the longitudinal opposite end portions of the hydrophilic front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- (c) The panty type throw-away disper can be produced easily at a low cost bacause by making the producing line to run laterally of the dispers for continuous production of the same, it becomes easier to place and assemble the back sheet, absorbing body, front sheet and waist bands and to adhere the joining portions and to die cut the crotch portion. Furthermore, since the producing line runs laterally of the dispers, it becomes possible to adjust distribution of highly water absorptive particles in the absorbing body in the lateral direction to the disper and to disperse the highly water absorptive particles concentratedly to the central portion of the crotch portion.

Furthermore, the diapers are moved laterally during producing, the central portion of the absorbing body may be made thicker to increase absorbing capacity.

- (d) By providing, instead of the lower expandable elastic bodies of the waist bands, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact, there are brought about advantages that in cooperation with the expandable elastic bodies for the crotch gather a good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and femur, that the leakage is prevented and that slipping down of the diaper is prevented.
- (e) By adhering hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral oppsite side flap portions continuously therefrom, leakage of the excrements by permeation from the front shaet is prevented by means of the joining portion between the hydropholic front shaet and hydrophobic sheet.
- opposite side flap portions of the front sheet continuously therefrom and securing on the back sheet the portions of the hydrophobic sheets closer to the flap ends whereas attaching expandable elastic bodies under the expanded condition to a portion of said hydrophobic sheets extended over the absorbing body and by joining together the hydrophobic sheet and the front sheet on the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion, there are formed gathered standing portions in the hydrophobic sheets in the crotch portion acting as barriers for the excrements overflowing from the front sheet and the excrements are accommodated in the pockets formed by the front sheet and

said gathered standing portions so that the excrements are prevented from direct contact with the human body and uncomfortableness is obviated.

furtheremore, since the hydrophobic sheets are adhered continuously with the lateral side portions of the front sheet, returning of liquid excrements once absorbed by the absorbing body and leaking of the excrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented.

As described above, the panty type throw-away diaper is superior, having expandability, air permeability, good wearing comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

4. Brief explanation of the invention.

Fig. 1 shows in a perspective view a completed panty type throw-sway diaper according to the present invention,

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a schematical view of a waist band,

Fig. 6 is a schematical view of another waist band different from the one of Fig. 5.

Figs. 7. 8A and 88 are plan views showing a production line of the panty type throw-away disper according to the present invention.

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of an absorbing body showing highly absorptive particles placed in the absorbing body.

Fig. 10 is a plan view of the absorbing body showing the distance over which the highly absorptive particles are dispersed.

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of an absorbing body in which the central portion is made thicker,

Fig. 12 is a partially broken away developed plan view of a panty type throw-away diaper showing another manner of arrangement of expandable elastic bodies,

Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 12,

Fig. 14 is a partially broken away developmed plan view of another embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line B-B of Fig. 14.

rig. 16 is a partially broken away developed plan view of mnother embodiment of the present invention,

Fig. 17 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 16, and

Fig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line C-C of Fig. 16.

In the drawings.

1 ... front sheet

2 ... back sheet

j ... abs rbing body .

4,5,6 ... expandable elastic body

7 ... joining portion

- 8 ... hydrophobic sheet
- 9 ... cutting line
- 10 ... die cut portion
- 11 ... absorptive fiber layer
- 12 ... absorptive sheet
- 13 ... expandable elastic body
- 14 ... hydrophobic non-woven fabric
- 15 ... expandable elastic body
- 16 ... gathered standing portion
- 17 ... gather adhering portion
- 18 ... pocket